killed by the servant. In spite of all that could be done, the child died in a few hours.

When the canes are cut in Martinique, the negroes cut round and round till a small clump is left in the centre, into which all the snakes have gradually retired; this is surrounded by armed negroes, and set on fire. The snakes are burnt or killed; but the immense extent of wood-land renders it impossible to destroy the breed of this horrid reptile.

Though St. Croix, from its bareness and culti-vation, is not a good field to search in for wild plants, still, by the road-side and in the hedges is a great variety of pretty herbs and shrubs. The waste part of the town is covered with the four-leaved cruciform plant, called "four-o'clock." *I* don't know its botanic name; it is in all the hot-houses in England, I gathered to-day a handful of Jumbee beads. The colours of the weeds are brilliant, especially the blues* of which I found a beautiful water-plant.

When the British troops departed, the interim between the hauling down our flags and raising the Danish ones—before which the

Danish troops could not enter—was so long, that my reign as

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i A species of passiflora that shuts up about that hour.